

ELECTIONS HELD IN YEARS PAST.

Interesting Facts Collected From the Official Report.

SOME PROMINENT MEN NOW

Served the City in an Official Capacity in Years Gone By—The Solicitors and the Mayors and the Date of Their Election.

One of the most interesting books containing statistical information is on file in the city clerk's office. It contains a complete record of the city elections, municipal and special, which have been held since 1859. The volume is filled with the names of older residents many of whom have passed away, and some who are in their declining years, but who have gained prominence in the legal or commercial world.

One of the first of the municipal elections of the town of Canton was held in 1859, for mayor, resulted in a tie between two candidates, Samuel Blunker and Horace P. Dunbar, each receiving 285 votes, showing the total vote at that time as 570. The election was held April 4th, and on April 23 a special election was held, the successful candidate being Dunbar, who received 364 votes. The proclamation issued at that time did not contain the name of the city clerk, and a re-election resulted in placing Ed M. Grimes in the office with 347 votes, as against Isaac Stadden. That year the first ward carried 148 votes, Second ward 152, Third 125, and the Fourth 145.

April 3d, 1865, at the election for mayor there was another tie in the contest, Joseph Creveloise, Jr., and William W. Clark receiving 349 votes each, a total of 698 votes being polled. Later, on April 29, William W. Clark was duly elected with a vote of 407, the total vote cast being 101 more than in 1859.

In 1875 the votes for mayor numbered 1,563, A. D. Braden receiving 948 and T. C. Meyer 915. A special election was held April 4th, 1881, when William J. Piero was elected mayor. The question of permitting hogs to be raised in the city was at issue, as well as vacating the old graveyard in McKinley avenue. There were 1,228 votes in favor of keeping hogs and 750 against the issue. As to the graveyard, it was abandoned by a vote of 1,215 as against 475. The special election for the erection of a building for the market house and city hall consisted of 1,486 votes in favor of them and 711 unfavorable. The total vote cast at the election in 1885 was 3,535. In November 1887 an extension of waterworks was decided upon by 2,749 votes in favor of it and 161 against the issue. In December, 1896, the severing of Schriver's run brought forth 1,512 votes favorable to the issue of \$70,000 bonds, and 1,589 against the question, resulting in the defeat of the project.

Hon. Charles F. Manderson, now United States senator from Nebraska, was solicitor of the town of Canton in 1859. He received 304 votes over his opponent Joseph Pool, who received 266. Louis Schaefer, now deceased, served as solicitor during 1865. In 1867 Hon. Wm. A. Lynch was elected to the office, he receiving 464 votes, and William W. Clark, his opponent, received 442 votes. Lynch was re-elected to office in 1869, and in 1871 he defeated Seraphim Myers, formerly a common pleas judge in this city, now deceased, by receiving 858 votes and Myers 788. Again Lynch came out victorious in 1873 when Judge Henry A. Wise was his opponent for office. Lynch received 882 votes and Wise 765. In 1875 Lynch was defeated by Wise, who received 973 votes and Lynch 898. In 1877 John C. Welty received 1,074 votes and Judge Wise 901, thus defeating Mr. Wise, and he was re-elected to office twice in succession, in 1879 and 1881, defeating Anthony House, in 1879, and T. T. McCarty, in 1881. John M. Myers was the candidate for the Democrats in 1883, and he received 1,493 votes, C. C. Upham 1,479, and Judge Joseph Freese 333 votes. Myers was re-elected in 1885 with 1,815 votes, C. C. Bow receiving 1,680, and J. W. Vankirk 15. Altee Pomerene succeeded Myers in 1887 with 1,999 votes, John C. F. Royer receiving 1,526, and J. S. Hudson 451. Pomerene was re-elected in 1889 with 2,573 votes, and Thomas P. Turner, the Republican candidate receiving 1,366 votes. Turner was elected to office in 1891, he receiving 2,841 votes, Peter J. Collins 2,408, and James Sterling 90.

In 1893 Peter J. Collins was elected by the Democrats with 2,893 votes, Turner receiving 2,625 and Sterling 125. H. B. Webber defeated Peter J. Collins for re-election in 1895, with 2,620 votes and Collins 1,933. Allen Cook, also a candidate, received 1,201 votes. Ed. L. Smith was elected to the office of solicitor in 1897, receiving 3,361 votes, Weber 2,873 votes. In 1899 he was re-elected to office, receiving 3,645 votes, and G. Newton Shaver, the Republican candidate receiving 2,880 votes.

The following is a list of the mayors who served from the year 1838 to the present time, with their terms of office:

John Myers, '38 to '39; Jacob Rex, '39 to '40; John Myers '40 to '41; William Bryce '41 to '42; Lewis Vail '42 to '44; George Dunbar '44 to '45; Z. Snow, '45 to '46; C. C. A. Witting, '46 to '47; Daniel Gottshalk, '47 to '48; C. C. A. Witting, '48 to '49; D. H. Harman, '49 to '50; J. G. Lester, '50 to '52; B. F. Leiter, '52 to '53; John Lahm '53 to '54; B. F. Leiter, '54 to '55; Peter Chance, '55 to March, '59; J. C. Boekius, March, 1859 to April '59; H. P. Dunbar, April '59 to May '61; S. Meyer, May '61 to September, '62; S. Creveloise, Jr., September '62 to '65; William W. Clark, '65 to '67; Daniel Saylor, '67 to July '70; S. Blunker, July '70 to September, '70; H. S. Belden, September '70 to '71; R. S. Shields, '71 to '75; A. D. Braden, '75 to '77; John Shimp, '77 to '79; James Valley '79 to '81; W. J. Piero, '81 to '85; George Rex, '85 to '87; John F. Blake, '87 to '93; R. A. Cassidy, '93 to '96; James A. Rice, '96 to '99; James H. Robertson, 1899.

Masonic Picnic.

The Masonic picnic to be held at Meyer's lake on Wednesday next promises to prove a grand success. The committee has about completed arrangements and wish it understood that all

regular Free Masons and their families, members of the local lodges or otherwise are cordially invited and expected to participate.

SOME FIGURES

Showing the Closeness of Coming Fight For Members of the House.

(Washington Star.)

An idea of the closeness of the coming fight for congress can be obtained by scrutinizing the figures of the last election, which returned the present congress. Analysis of the election figures will show why the Republican managers are laying awake o' nights scheming to save the house in the coming elections.

There are twenty congressional districts in which the plurality of the winner in 1898 was less than 600 votes. This in a total of 30,000 to 45,000. There are seven districts in which the plurality of the successful candidate was less than 200 votes. In some cases the victor was a Republican, in others a Democrat. As a general proposition the Republicans had more close districts than the Democrats.

In addition to the foregoing there are six other districts in which the pluralities were between 600 and 1,000. Furthermore, there are seven other districts where the pluralities were less than 2,000, out of a total of 35,000 to 40,000, which is considered sailing pretty close to the wind.

It appears from further examination of the official returns that the greatest number of the closest districts lie in states where the bitterest fights are expected to rage this fall. This shows that there is necessity for handling these districts with care, as lying in the debatable ground they are fair prey to the party which makes the strongest effort to capture them. Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, New Jersey, Nebraska, California and New York furnish the cases where the contest for the house was closest two years ago, and it is certain that both parties will make their supreme effort in these states this year.

Below are given some of the close districts, showing the vote in 1898, with the plurality of the winner. It will be observed that in many cases there was sufficient opposing votes to have overcome his plurality, if they could have been united against him. This only adds to the uncertainty, for no one can tell what those scattering votes of two years ago will do this time, and where they are the balance of power between the regular Democratic and Republican candidates they are a distinct menace to both.

SOME CLOSE DISTRICTS.

Dist.	Name.	Vote.	Plurality.
3d Md.—	Wachter (R)	17,508	122
	Schwatka, (D)	17,386	
	Hicks (Pro.)	718	
	Whipkey (Ind.)	32	
4th Md.—	McIntire (R)	16,664	
	Denney (D)	17,260	596
	Creney (Pro.)	1,134	
	Mayer (S. L.)	289	
3d Mass.—	Walker (R)	11,008	
	Thayer (D.)	11,167	159
6th Minn.—	Morris (R)	22,194	463
	Towne (Dem. Pop.)	21,731	
	Kriz (S. L.)	412	
4th Neb.—	Hinshaw (R)	18,377	
	Stark (Pop.)	18,904	527
1st N. Y.—	Belford (R)	22,483	
	Seudder (D)	22,893	410
	McCullough (S. L.)	84	
	Randall (Pop.)	557	
19th N. Y.—	Cochran (R)	19,953	388
	Livingstone (D)	19,565	
	Boland (S. L.)	210	
	Mayer (Pro.)	517	
20th N. Y.—	Southwick (R)	19,475	
	Glynn (D)	20,026	551
	Alexander (S. L.)	265	
	Blodgett (Pro.)	189	
3d N. C.—	Thomas (D)	16,008	189
	Fowler (Pop.)	15,819	
9th N. C.—	Pearson (R)	19,368	
	Crawford (D)	19,609	238
	Boggs (P)	93	
3d Ohio—	White (R)	21,327	
	Brenner (D)	21,449	122
7th Ohio—	Weaver (R)	17,655	406
	Zimmerman (D)	17,159	
	Rathbun (Un. Ref.)	17,159	
12th Ohio—	Higgins (R)	20,539	
	Lentz (D)	21,232	702
	Smith (Un. Ref.)	233	
	Johnson (Pro.)	293	
7th Cal.—	Needham (R)	20,793	113
	Castle (Fus.)	20,680	
15th Ill.—	Marsh (R)	21,143	242
	Ray (D)	20,901	
	Greer (Pro)	411	
19th Ill.—	Jacobs (R)	20,006	
	Crawley (D)	21,520	1,514
	Harbison (P)	597	
	Smith (Pro.)	493	
21st Ill.—	Rodenberg (R)	20,461	505
	Kern (D)	19,956	
	Quellmalz (P)	466	
	Nixon (P)	433	
	Surber (S. L.)	340	
1st Ind.—	Hemenway (R)	20,383	1,046
	Duncan (D)	19,337	
	Lee (Pro.)	475	
2d Ind.—	Gardner (R)	18,656	
	Miers (D)	20,245	1,589
	Trout (P.)	1,333	
5th Ind.—	Faris (R.)	22,557	252
	Hamill (D)	22,305	
	Carpenter (Pro.)	647	
	Farrow (P)	195	
8th Ind.—	Cromer (R.)	25,388	1,397
	Lotz (D.)	24,021	
	Thompson (P.)	397	
	Martin (Pro.)	908	
9th Ind.—	Landis (R.)	22,447	1,110
	Cheadle (D)	21,357	
	Thompson (P.)	327	
	King (Pro.)	621	
2d Iowa—	Lane (R.)	18,790	1,282
	Ney, (D)	17,508	
	Elliott (Pro.)	260	
	Ricker (P)	193	
	Welzenbach (S. L.)	396	
5th Ky.—	Evans (R.)	14,202	
	Hambrick (I. R.)	421	
	Turner (D.)	14,770	578
	Schmutz (S. L.)	394	
8th Ky.—	Davidson (R.)	12,206	
	Gilbert (D.)	13,047	841
	Zeliger (Ind.)	435	
9th Ky.—	Fugh (R.)	16,742	10
	Williams (D.)	16,732	
2d Md.—	Baker (R)	20,906	370
	Tippett (D)	20,486	
	Hollingsworth (Pro.) ..	1,772	
20th Penn.—	Thropp, (R)	19,458	800
	Waters (D)	17,753	
	Irwin (Pro.)	2,091	
	McMahon (S. L.)	244	
20th Penn.—	Higgins (R.)	12,483	
	Gaston (D)	13,618	24

Loveland (Pro.)	1,291	
9th Va.—Walker (R)	16,595	
Rhea (D)	17,344	749
Harris (Ind.)	52	
2d W. Va.—Dayton (R)	23,355	624
McGraw (D)	22,734	
3d W. Va.—Edwards (R)	22,037	
Johnson (D)	22,502	745
Davis (P)	204	
2d Wis.—Dahl (R.)	16,892	1,124
Jones (D)	15,768	
Smith (Pro.)	856	

A SUGGESTION

To Wheat Growers Sent Out By Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.

The almost unparalleled destruction of the wheat crop of 1900, throughout Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, is generally ascribed chiefly to the Hessian fly, and doubtless this insect has caused much loss, not only by destruction outright of many plants in the fall, but by so weakening the vitality of others that they succumbed to weather conditions which they would otherwise have been able to resist. But behind these causes there lies another which must not be lost sight of, namely, the exhaustion of soil fertility. The importance of this factor is shown in the experiments of the Ohio station, in which wheat on new lands has this year yielded nearly 40 bushels to the acre, without fertilizers, whereas unfertilized wheat on land that has been for 60 or 70 years under such cultivation as is practiced on a large proportion of Ohio farms, was almost totally destroyed by fly and weather conditions combined, the number of plants attacked by the fly being in both cases approximately the same.

Where the sowing of wheat has been delayed until after the middle of September in the extreme northern part of the state; to the 20th or the 25th in the latitude of this station; to the last week of the month in that of Columbus, and to the first week in October farther south, the results have been generally more favorable than where the sowing was done earlier; but these dates were not sufficiently late to escape the fly last fall, owing probably in part to peculiar seasonal conditions. When the seeding is delayed beyond the dates mentioned the loss from the plant not having time to sufficiently prepare for the winter will probably be greater than the average loss from the fly.

Even at these dates, in ordinary seasons, there will be need to see that the land is thoroughly prepared and well fertilized if remunerative yields are to be obtained.

Late sowing, however, while in some measure a protection from the fall attack of the fly, will have no effect on the spring attack, unless universally practiced in a given district; for if one farmer in a township sows his wheat in time to invite the fall attack he will have provided a breeding place from which flies will swarm the following spring to destroy the crops of all his neighbors. It would seem, therefore, to be well worth while for farmers to take united action in this matter by banding together over large districts and agreeing to delay their wheat seeding until the dates suggested. Such a test, if properly carried out, would be of incalculable value in determining the actual value of this method of securing immunity from the fly.

If, in connection with a general postponement of the date of seeding, each farmer would sow a small strip of wheat at an earlier date, this to be plowed under with a jointer a few days before the general seeding and then re-sown, it might have a very useful effect of attracting the flies and causing them to deposit their eggs where they could be easily destroyed.

Many farmers are writing to the experiment station asking whether it is advisable to sow rye instead of wheat this fall. To this we have to reply that the rye is also subject to attack from the Hessian fly, while the statistics of crop productions of Ohio show that the average yield of rye is no greater than that of wheat, and the market statistics show that its average value per bushel is much below that of wheat. Our advice therefore is, in brief: Put the seed bed for wheat in the best possible condition by plowing early, thoroughly pulverizing the surface immediately to retain moisture, and manuring or fertilizing liberally; then delay the seeding to a comparatively late date and use a liberal quantity of seed. The recent experiments of this station show that two bushels of thoroughly cleaned seed is not too much for an acre of ordinary land.

FAKE CENSUS TAKERS.

Sleek Agents Attempted to Gather in a Harvest by Selling Memorial Cards.

A few days ago, says the Wellsville Union, a woman called at a number of houses and represented that she was taking a census of the city.

At a number of places she succeeded in getting the family history as to nativity, and particularly if there had been any deaths in the family and the name of each deceased person. A short time afterward a man appeared with a large memorial card and would make a strong plea to the family to keep in memory the departed friend by purchasing at an exorbitant price a memorial card.

The game was tried at several places, but it is not known whether any were sold. The man was kicked out of a front street house, and a Commerce street lady by the use of strong language chased the fellow out. He insisted and finally demanded that she purchase a card, when she told him in emphatic language to quit her doorstep.

JEWISH WEDDING.

Two Well Known People Wedded at the Jewish Synagogue in Douglass Street.

An impressive Jewish wedding ceremony occurred Thursday night at the Jewish synagogue, in Douglass, near South Cherry street. The groom was Mr. Ezra Philip Edelman, a traveling

salesman, of this city, and the happy bride was Miss Rose Rebecca Jacobs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herz Jacobs, residing at 701 Nimitz street. The ceremony properly began at 5:30 o'clock at the bride's home and it was continued with church formalities at the synagogue at 7:30 o'clock, amid the attendance of many invited guests. Rabbi Siegel and Ginsberg, of this city, and Rabbi Merza, of Cincinnati, celebrated the ceremony, the latter discarding in the synagogue on ancient marriage customs. Mr. and Mrs. Edelman will make their home in this city after a short wedding tour.

MAN WITH A BOMB

Caused a Scare at the White House by Calling and Asking to See the President.

Washington, Aug. 11.—An Italian who gave his name as "Prof." Figuccia of Felucca, Italy, caused some excitement at the white house Friday by exhibiting a brass projectile which he wished to present to the president.

He came during the forenoon accompanied by a negro who bore a large satchel. When stopped at the front door by Usher Mitchell, he presented a slip of paper bearing this inscription: "Prof. Figuccia presents the projectile to the president of the United States." He took out of the satchel a very heavy brass projectile and a long wire and explained that the pushing of the wire through a hole which had been bored in the end of the projectile's nose would cause a big explosion.

The visitor could speak no English and made known his mission by signs. After some questioning it was concluded the Italian was an inventor seeking official recognition of his device and he was directed to the Italian embassy. Later the secret service was notified.

MILLER REUNION.

Fourth Annual Gathering of the Miller Family at Meyer's Lake.

The Henry Miller family held its fourth annual reunion on the Stark county fair grounds Wednesday, August 8th. All the surviving members of the family, consisting of John A., aged 85, from Plain township; Samuel J., aged 76, from Canton; Peter, aged 74, from Waverly, Iowa; William L., aged 70, from Plain township; Harriet Smith, aged 63, from Canton, and Adam D., aged 69, from Indianapolis, Ind., and all enjoying vigorous health, were present with their families, numbering about 300 out of an enumeration of 550 descendants. Adam D. Miller and his estimable wife, from Indianapolis, Ind., were met with friendly greetings by all. After partaking of a sumptuous dinner the party congregated in the large art hall and listened to an interesting program, which was opened with prayer offered by President A. G. Heckman, from Seville, Ohio, and splendid music rendered by the Maple Grove choir, consisting of the following young ladies and gentlemen: W. M. Miller, J. V. Kline, H. G. Austine, Elva Warstler, Alda L. Grove, Theresa B. Smith, Marie C. Kline, Lydia M. Miller, Laura Bair, Elina Bair, and Mrs. E. E. Markley, with Mrs. Edwin Williamson presiding at the organ. The music was highly appreciated by the Miller family. The historian, S. J. Miller, Sr., gave an interesting explanation of an addition to the genealogical tree, having learned some interesting facts concerning Christian Miller, the father of Henry Miller. Another interesting part of the program was a poem composed for the occasion and recited by the author, Mrs. Clara Lothamer Miller.

TRIP ABROAD.

Mr. Alfred Baehrens Will Leave For an Extensive Tour In the Fall.

Mr. Alfred Baehrens, of North Market street, will leave in the early fall for an extended trip abroad. Mr. Baehrens is a musician of note and will for several years study in the principal cities of Europe, among them Paris, Berlin and Vienna. Mr. Baehrens is very well known in this city and quite popular in musical circles in Canton and Cleveland, and his many friends wish him much success in his trip to the continent. Mr. Baehrens is a member of several musical organizations, among them being the Aeolian quartet of this city.

Probate Court.

In the assignment of Alexander Skelton, of Canton, an inventory and private sale of real estate has been ordered. First account has been filed in the estate of Angeline Deardorff, of Osna-burg.

Final account has been filed in the estate of Daniel Hoover, of Lake township.

Private sale of real estate has been ordered in the estate of Abram J. Jones, of Canton.

The guardian of Mabel Geib, of Lake township, has been ordered to appraise and sell the ward's real estate.

In the assignment of Frank Eekroede, of Bethlehem township, the sale of land has been confirmed and the proceeds ordered distributed.

Will Take Extended Trip.

Mr. Harry Erwin, the assistant ticket agent of the local Pennsylvania ticket office, will in a few days leave for an extended trip through the west, visiting the cities of Chicago, Des Moines, Denver, Ogden, Butte and Helena.

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